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Former CIA aide held on spy charge

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A FORMER EMPLOYEE of the Central Intelligence Agency now living in suburban Munster, Ind., was ordered held Friday in lieu of a \$1-million cash bond on a charge of selling a top secret defense document to a Soviet citizen.

The espionage suspect, William Peter Kampiles, 23, appeared in federal court here following his arrest by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents Thursday night in his townhouse apartment at 7645 Hohman Av. in Munster. A formal hearing on the charge was set for next Thursday.

In requesting the high bond, U.S. Atty. Thomas P. Sullivan told Magistrate Olga Jurco that improper release of the document to an enemy power "could cause grave damage to our national security."

Police in Munster confirmed reports by neighbors of Kampiles that he shared his townhouse home with a Munster policeman, Perry Felecos. A police spokesman said Felecos, a policeman less than one year, went on a four-day furlough Friday and could not be reached for comment.

FBI Director William Webster said Kampiles, a salesman for a Chicago area drug firm, was charged in a federal complaint filed Thursday in Chicago of selling the document for \$3,000 to a Soviet agent in Athens, last March 2.

THE DOCUMENT, classified as top secret, is believed to have been removed by Kampiles from CIA headquarters

near Washington while he was employed by the CIA as a "Watch officer" from March until November, 1977, Webster said.

No details about the document were released, except its title, "KH - 11 System Technical Manual."

Webster said Kampiles, a native of Hammond who was "terminated" by the CIA, returned to the Chicago area with the document last fall. He said Kampiles is accused of delivering it in Greece to a man identified only as "Michael" and described as "a representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

KAMPILES' ARREST was coordinated with and "had the complete cooperation of the CIA," Webster said.

FBI authorities in Chicago said Kampiles is to appear before a federal magistrate Friday. They said the penalty for espionage provides for any term of imprisonment, including life imprisonment.